

## ENTIRE CREDITS SITUATION OF U. S. IS OPENED

Joint Sessions Of Senate  
Agricultural and Bank-  
ing Committees.

### FARMERS TO TESTIFY

Foreign and Domestic Prob-  
lems Will Be  
Sifted.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The entire  
credits situation, domestic and foreign  
was to be opened up at a joint ses-  
sion today of the senate agricultural  
and banking and currency committees.

The question of extending credits  
to agricultural and other interests of  
the country, as well as to those of for-  
eign countries was expected to be sif-  
ted thoroughly.

Representatives of farmers and  
bankers were scheduled to testify as  
to the financial conditions confronting  
both.

William Wallace Brauer of New  
York City, was to urge the extension  
of credits to Germany so as to en-  
able her to buy raw materials in the  
American market. The credits would  
have to be authorized, it was said, by  
the reparations commission.

Spokesmen for at least one so-called  
farmers organization were also to  
speak in favor of the scheme, which if  
carried out, would permit farmers to  
dispose of their surplus of foodstuffs  
and other commodities to Germany, it  
was claimed.

**Reveal Condition.**  
Brauer's position toward German  
trade is described as not unlike that  
of Washington D. Vanderlip's toward  
Russian trade. Brauer was expected  
to reveal much concerning the present  
economic and financial situation in  
Germany, just as Vanderlip recently  
related conditions in Russia. Brauer  
is said to be connected with a German  
commission which has been sounding  
out the state department on a pro-  
posed extension of German credits to-  
talling \$1,000,000,000.

The bill for the application of be-  
tween \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000  
derived from the operation of the fed-  
eral reserve system this year to ex-  
tending credits and making loans to  
farmers introduced in the senate re-  
cently by Senator Hitchcock, Demo-  
crat, of Nebraska, was also to be con-  
sidered at the hearing.

Members of the two committees  
signified their intention of going as  
thoroughly as possible in the broad  
subject of domestic and foreign credits  
in an effort to determine if congress  
can render further assistance to the  
agricultural interests to which Sec-  
retary of the Treasury Houston anno-  
unced recently approximately \$2,000,000,  
000 in credits had already been ex-  
tended by federal reserve banks.

## BOYS BREAK JAIL; ARE RECAPTURED

Mansfield, O., Dec. 24.—Leaving  
their supper untasted Paul Smith, a  
17 year old Ponzi and his companion  
Clyde Kelley broke jail at Ashland  
after sawing off the bars. Antonio  
Piat, a third boy stayed with the sup-  
per. Antonio's honesty was rewarded  
with a suspension of his sentence to  
the boys industrial school at Lan-  
caster. Smith and Kelley were recap-  
tured and today were taken to Lan-  
caster. Young Smith gained notori-  
ety in this city a few days ago by  
taking in several bankers on forged  
checks. He was finally caught in one  
of the banks in this city.

### SALE DATES RESERVED.

Jan. 4—Wm. Netherton.  
Jan. 12—Orville Brickley.  
Jan. 18—Chas. Lackey.  
Jan. 28—O. A. Dobbins.  
Feb. 9—Wm. Rohler.  
Feb. 17—J. T. Harbine, Sr.  
Feb. 22—Geo. Elliott.

## CITY CAR SERVICE TO BE CONTINUED HERE

Traction Officials Agree To Keep Car On Streets If  
Given Seven Cent Fare—Change in Schedule Is  
Announced at Meeting Thursday.

City street car service will be con-  
tinued in this city by the Dayton &  
Xenia Traction Company.  
This was the result of an agree-  
ment reached between T. A. Ferned-  
ing, superintendent of the electric  
line and the city commission at the  
meeting of that body held Thursday  
night, following a two hour confer-  
ence Thursday afternoon between  
Mr. Ferneding, his attorney, Mr. Mc-  
Connaghey, who is city solicitor of  
Dayton, and members of the trans-  
portation committee of the Chamber  
of Commerce, consisting of J. W.  
Prugh, H. S. LeSourd, Secretary L.  
C. Tingley and City Manager Ken-  
yon Riddle.

The decision of the street car com-  
pany to continue the local service  
was reached following an agreement  
on a new schedule, and a resolution  
by the city commission allowing a  
two cent increase in fares. All  
agreements reached regarding the  
schedule and the new fares, are tem-  
porary and subject to the will of the  
commission. The schedule will be ex-  
perimented with for six months how-  
ever before a change is made.

The agreement, reached Thursday  
night insured that the city car would  
continue its service here Friday. Had  
not the road officials and city of-  
ficials come to an agreement Thurs-  
day night, the city car which has  
operated in this city for years under  
an old franchise which expired Thurs-  
day morning, would have ceased its operations  
Friday morning.

In his conference with the Cham-  
ber of Commerce officials Thursday  
afternoon Mr. Ferneding explained  
that the road has been costing him  
\$300 a month for operation. He said,  
however, that he was willing to make  
any agreement that would permit him  
to make the expenses on the opera-  
tion of the city car line. An investi-  
gation conducted by a man employed  
by the street car company and a man  
employed by the city, showed that  
very few passengers go to or from the  
East End, were carried outside the  
usual hours for laborers to be going  
to their work in the morning and in  
the evening.

For this reason the schedule work-  
ed out does away with East End ser-  
vice with the exception of six trips  
daily, two in the morning, one at  
noon, and three in the evening. On  
all of these trips the car will go clear  
to the freight house on West Main  
street, an extra service that East  
End residents have been wanting, and  
will permit employees of the Hoover  
and Allison, the American Tobacco

## BATTLE TAKES PLACE IN AIR BETWEEN MAN AND POLICE

Alleged Confidence Man  
Forced to Land When  
Plane Riddled.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—Ma-  
chine guns and an airplane manned by  
members of the Royal Canadian  
Mounted Police and private detectives  
riddled a plane piloted by Joseph H.  
Gadbury, alleged confidence man, forc-  
ing him to land near Winnipeg and  
resulting in his capture.

Gadbury, who is said to be wanted  
in Britt, Iowa, on charges of forgery  
and of obtaining money under false  
pretense, is being held in a Winnipeg  
jail. Police intend to return him to  
the Iowa city.

Gadbury, whose brother, F. G. Gad-  
bury, lives here, formerly was an avi-  
ator and served in the World War. His  
home is in Tama, Iowa. Establishing  
himself in Britt, and promising farm-  
ers of that community to build an air  
plane factory, Gadbury obtained ap-  
proximately \$18,000 it is alleged.

**IRISH.**  
London, Dec. 24.—One hundred and  
sixty nine police and 52 members of  
the military forces in Ireland have  
been killed in 1920, according to a state-  
ment made public by Dublin Castle.  
In the same time it was stated, 185  
civilians have been killed in battle  
and 33 men and boys have been shot  
down on the street.

## SEEKS RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION ON RATIO BASIS



Sen. William P. Dillingham.

Senator William P. Dillingham of  
New Hampshire has presented a  
measure to restrict immigration to  
five per cent annually of the nat-  
ionals of each country now in the  
United States. This, Senator Dill-  
ingham claims, would bring in a  
much larger number of central and  
northern European immigrants.

## MANY CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GERMAN STATE

Reveal Four Major Charges  
Granted To That  
Country.

Brussels, Dec. 24.—The enormity  
of the concessions granted by the re-  
parations conference to Germany be-  
came apparent when it was revealed  
that the conference had agreed upon  
the acceptance of four of the main  
points presented by the Germans. The  
concessions sought by the Germans  
and which were granted by the con-  
ference were:

1. In order to make German trade  
more stable the Versailles treaty must  
be amended by the removal by the  
allies from German trade abroad all  
danger of confiscation. This already  
had been done by England and Italy.
2. Because the nation is obliged to  
import heavily, Germany must be  
permitted to reconstruct her merchant  
marine. The Japanese delegates urged  
the acceptance of this proposition to  
the extent of 350,000 tons.

3. Further revision of the peace  
treaty in order to permit Germany to  
conclude trade alliances with Holland,  
Russia, Scandinavia, Spain, Switzer-  
land and other neutrals. Italy de-  
manded acquiescence on this point.
4. The exact total of the indemnity  
and the annuities must be specified  
forthwith in order to stabilize the  
German budget.

## COAL OPERATORS REJECT DEMANDS OF MINE WORKERS

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Declining to  
reopen the award of the U. S. anthracite  
coal commission, the mine opera-  
tors have rejected the demands of the  
hard coal mine workers for additional  
wage increases, a minimum \$6 day  
labor rate and the establishment of  
a universal eight-hour day.

The operators, however, notified  
the miners' representatives that they  
stood ready to adjust any "individu-  
al cases of inequality that may be  
due to the application of the com-  
mission's award."

Mine workers' representatives told  
the operators that they could not ac-  
cept any compromise and stood by  
their original demands.

They said that the entire question  
would be placed before the United  
Mine Workers' general scale com-  
mittee at a meeting in Hazelton next  
Tuesday, when a definite policy for  
future action will be outlined.

## WILSON'S REFUSAL TO SIGN FINANCE BILL BASED ON TREASURY'S STAND

THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED IN ENGLAND  
APPEAL FOR DIRECT AID BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Present Situation Linked With Russian Trade Program  
As It Is Believed That Much of Unemployment  
Will Automatically Cease.

London, Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve  
approaches with scores of thousands  
of men and women unemployed  
throughout the British Isles. Pallia-  
tive relief measures of a temporary  
character have been suggested by  
Premier Lloyd George but they have  
failed to satisfy the labor leaders or  
the jobless. It appeared today that  
the prime minister would not have  
yielded to the political pressure of  
the council of action, which repre-  
sents the consolidated fighting  
section of organized labor, has again  
come into prominence overnight by:

- 1.—Launching a campaign to force  
direct aid for the unemployed who  
are in difficult straits as winter ap-  
proaches.

- 2.—Exerting pressure to prevent a  
threatened break in the British-  
Russian negotiations for resumption  
of trade.

Labor leaders contend the two sit-  
uations which for all practical pur-  
poses have become deadlocked, are  
inter-linked and that when Russian  
trade is resumed much of England's  
unemployment will disappear.

Meanwhile the council of action is  
determined that the jobless—thous-  
ands of whom saw service in France  
—shall not suffer.

Even a resumption of the weekly  
"doles" recognized even by labor as  
bad economics but necessary in many  
cases, may be insisted upon for even  
a government allowance of five or

## AMERICAN LEGION WILL ASK STATE FOR WAR BONUS

Want Legislature To Pay  
\$10 Per Month—Max-  
imum \$250.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Decision to  
request of the incoming General As-  
sembly the enacting of suitable leg-  
islation to provide for the payment of  
adjusted compensation to Ohio men  
and women who saw service in the  
World War, has been reached, and a  
committee of former soldiers has been  
named to draft the bill which is to be  
introduced.

The compensation measure agreed  
upon provides for a bonus payment of  
\$10 for each month of service, with a  
maximum total payment of \$250.  
Service statistics show that nine  
months was the average, and this  
being accepted as the base the pay-  
ment will cost the state approximat-  
ely \$25,000,000. Those qualified to  
participate are those who resided in  
Ohio at the time of enlistment or in-  
duction into the service, regardless  
of what unit they may have served  
with at a later date.

Thirteen states already have pro-  
vided for state bonuses for former  
service men and women of those  
states.

## CANDY MAKERS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Instead of  
cutting the wages of their employees,  
candy makers throughout Ohio will  
ask for increased production as a  
means of reducing the cost of opera-  
tion.

This announcement was made at a  
meeting here attended by fifty mem-  
bers of the Ohio Confectionery Club.  
If production, however, is not in-  
creased, wages will be reduced, de-  
clared W. C. Diven, Delaware, secre-  
tary of the club. He said that while  
candy, probably, will sell cheaper next

## WOULD IMPAIR STABILITY OF U. S. FINANCES

Houston Declares Measure  
Would Be Only Tempo-  
rary Relief.

### RAISE LIVING COSTS

Would Further Expand  
Country's Credit By  
Billion Dollars.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President  
Wilson's veto of the bill passed by  
congress to revive the war finance cor-  
poration, to aid farmers in export  
trade, was predicted in reliable gov-  
ernment quarters today. Relief that  
the president will refuse to sign the  
bill is based upon the opposition of  
treasury and the urgent recom-  
mendations said to have been made  
to the White House that the meas-  
ure be blocked.

Secretary of the Treasury Houston  
today expressed unalterable opposi-  
tion to the proposal asserting that it  
is fraught with danger to the na-  
tion's financial stability. He contends  
that while operation of the corpora-  
tion back export shipments is still  
larger volume, might enable the farm-  
ers to get what the producers regard  
as a more reasonable price for their  
products, it would only provide a tem-  
porary remedy, would further expand  
the country's credit by more than  
\$1,000,000,000 and inevitably start an-  
other rise in the cost of living. His  
main objection is that it would cause  
a derangement in the government's  
settled fiscal policy for this and future  
years.

These are some of the big objections  
framed by the treasury and said to  
have been laid before the president,  
as reasons for rejecting the war  
finance corporation bill.

Farmers could not receive any direct  
loans or benefit directly as revival of  
the corporation's export functions  
merely would provide loaning arrange-  
ments solely for exporters. These  
loans could only be made to exporters  
who could negotiate foreign securities.  
Handicaps over foreign buyers in  
furnishing satisfactory security would  
place insuperable obstacles.

Europe is buying more now than she  
can pay for, and the running up of a  
still higher American favorable trade  
balance will only delay the day of Eu-  
rope's payment of American obliga-  
tions, according to Secretary Houston.  
The United States has supplied the  
world in the last three years with \$22-  
000,000,000 worth of commodities, and  
received in return by the import route  
\$12,000,000,000. This is entirely aside  
from the \$10,000,000,000, owing to the  
United States in government loans  
made to allied and other nations to  
help win the war. Financiers estimate  
that Europe alone owes in American  
private commercial obligations well  
above \$4,000,000,000.

The answer to these staggering to-  
tals is that America can only hope for  
pay in goods sent to the United  
States by foreign debtors as they  
gradually reconvert in productive  
capacity. Fully 50 percent of the ex-  
ports this year, amounting to \$8,000-  
000,000 consisted of agricultural pro-  
ducts, showing that farm products are  
being privately financed.

In the agricultural group there has  
been falling off in meat and cotton  
exports, but corresponding increased  
in other groups, in which the farmer  
has a vital concern.

### NO PAPER CHRISTMAS

Following the usual  
custom of observing  
Christmas Day, no paper  
will be published by the  
Gazette Saturday. The  
office will be closed all  
that day.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TOMORROW we celebrate the greatest holiday in all the year.  
All sects, creeds and beliefs join in commemoration of the  
birth of Christ, and over the entire civilized world rings the re-  
frain "Merry Christmas."

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Gazette and the Republican take up the cry and pass it  
on to their readers. For the past year these papers have at-  
tempted to serve the reading public of Greene county in the many  
avenues of human endeavor, open to the newspaper profession.  
They have tried to serve in happy fashion the delectable parts

of the day's news, along with the heavier and perhaps more satis-  
fying items of intellectual food, and at the same time preserve a  
well-balanced, interesting, and progressive newspaper, unbiased  
and fair. Their aim has been essentially to serve you, to consti-  
tute a medium through which the affairs of the community can  
be given publication, to keep you informed on world happenings,  
and to aid you in your buying.

And now Christmas is again here. The Gazette and Repub-  
lican cannot let this opportunity go by without wishing every  
subscriber and every advertiser a Merry Christmas, and a pros-  
perous New Year.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## FARMERS OF GREENE COUNTY ARE SEVENTH IN FAIR EXHIBITIONS

Greene County stands seventh in the point of number of exhibitors and premiums won at the Ohio State Fair this year, in the list of 88 counties competing.

This is according to information sent out by E. V. Walborn, manager of the State Fair, from the department of agriculture. Franklin county is first on the list with 166 exhibitors and prize money amounting to \$5,085.75; Richland county, second, had only 10 exhibitors but took \$3,900.28 in prize money; Seneca county was third with 12 exhibitors and \$3,529.00 in prize money; Montgomery county fourth with 42 exhibitors, and \$2,594.66 in prizes; Delaware county had 35 exhibitors and received \$2,279.00; Union county had 19 exhibitors and took 2,142 in prize money while Greene county, seventh in the list, with 20 exhibitors, brought down \$1,961.00 in prizes.

Clinton county stands 26th, in the list, Fayette county, 28th, Clarke county, 29th, Miami 29th, and Highland 48th. The counties of Adams, Carroll, Deane, Guernsey, Gallia, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Mahoning, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding and Vincon did not take a prize at the state fair, the entire list concluding 75 prize winners, with Williams and Hocking county tied with \$2 apiece as the lowest.

Greene county exhibitors who were prize winners at the sale were: P. H. Fygnn & Son, \$35 for cattle; E. H. Hutchison, \$65, cattle; E. J. Kelsey, Spring Valley, \$30, cattle; U. & W. Oglesbee, Yellow Springs, \$110, cattle; P. B. Turnbull, Cedarville, \$150, cattle; A. C. Grieve, \$127, swine; Rufus Glass, \$85, swine; Mahan & Neff, Osborn, \$164, swine; Levi Smith \$15, swine; R. C. Watt & Son, Cedarville, \$15, swine; J. B. Bickett, \$246, sheep; H. H. Cherry, \$102, sheep; Raymond D. Grieve, \$152, sheep; A. C. Grieve & Son, \$18, sheep; H. L. Nash, \$89, sheep; J. C. Williamson, \$279, sheep; Cowdy Williamson, \$199, sheep; Harper Bickett, \$6, Boy's Corn Club; R. H. Allison, Cedarville, \$3, Farm Products; M. R. Grinnell & Sons, Yellow Springs, \$71, cattle.

## MULES ARE USED IN PLACE OF THE WEATHERMAN

George Spencer, special deputy sheriff, horseman and fertilizer manufacturer, does not have such a mundane instrument as a thermometer around the premises.

Rather does George depend for his weather prognostications, upon two mules, which, stubborn though mules are, unconsciously predict the coming rain or shine, cold or warmth, to members of the Spencer household.

"If it's going to rain or storm or get cold and be any sort of bad weather, you can't drive those mules away from the shadow of the barn, when they're turned out to pasture," says Mr. Spencer. "But if the weather is going to be nice they go out in the field and won't come back for anything until you go out after them."

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY.

Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills for pains in sides and back; rheumatism backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headaches and sluggish bowels. Sayre & Hemphill.

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When you overwork, worry and strain, your system has extra work to do. If you keep it up very long, your blood simply cannot take care of all the waste. It becomes clogged with poisons.

You keep on working just the same. But when your blood becomes weakened your vitality lowers. You find it a burden to get things done. Your speed lags. You begin to feel "all in." Then is the time to take that splendid tonic, Pepto-Mangan. Your blood needs enriching. Physicians recommend Pepto-Mangan because it builds red corpuscles and makes your blood rich and red. It cleans out all the poisons. You begin to feel better and stronger right away. It is much easier to get work done. You have renewed vitality.

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## BRITISH PUT IRELAND UNDER MARTIAL LAW



An auxiliary cadet searching a postman in Dublin during a raid change there. Since Ireland has been under martial law many similar scenes as this occur. According to the latest dispatches from Dublin, British troops have

seized all the motor cars in Queenstown with a view of making martial law more effective in that part of County Cork. Reinforcements of Black and Tans are reported to be on their way to Ireland from England.

## HEART AND HOME PROBLEMS

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I have been keeping company with a young man for a number of months. The first few months he came to see me he came on a train and dressed up. But now he rides his motorcycle. He does not dress in good clothes because he gets them soiled with grease from the machine.

Don't you think if he thought much of me he would dress up and leave his motorcycle at home and come on the train? He respects me in all other ways.

DISSATISFIED F. C. V. V. Your complaint seems to me entirely unreasonable. Railroad fares are high and since the young man has a motorcycle it would be a useless expenditure of money for him to take a train.

When you choose a friend you should choose him for his personality and not for the clothes he wears.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I have been married for twenty-four years and have one son able to take care of himself. I dearly love him.

My husband has a very quick temper. I have been a true wife to him ever since I have been married and I dearly love him, but for the last eight months I have turned against him when I think of the way he has treated me.

He tells me he loves me, but do you think he does when he strikes at me when I have done all in my power to make him happy. He has also tossed things at me just because of bad temper.

I have seen some one I dearly love. Don't you think it is wrong for a woman to live with some one she doesn't like. The other man

has told me he loved me and several others about me. Please give me your advice. BROKEN HEART.

You are faithless to your husband, which in my mind is worse than throwing things or striking. A woman should leave her husband and divorce him before she permits another to show to her love or talk of it.

My advice is to look for the good in your husband and to learn to love him all over again. If you have loved him until eight months ago I feel reasonably sure that your affair with the other man is infatuation and that before long you will care nothing for him.

Above all else be honorable. For your self-respect, for your son's respect, and for respect from the community in which you live, do not permit another man to talk to you of love as long as you have a husband and are living with him.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am fifteen years old and I like a certain boy very much. He used to live about a mile from my home, but he moved over by our house a couple of days ago. He is very bashful and he never asks me to go places with him and he never writes to me. Do you think that is caused from his bashfulness?

Would it be all right for me to invite him to go ice skating with me? How could I make him invite me to go different places with him? PRINCESS.

For the boy to write to you would be ridiculous when he lives so near. Bashfulness would not stand in the way of his inviting you to go places with him if he took an interest in you. Probably he is indifferent.

Do not invite him to go skating with you and do not try to "make" him ask you to go skating with him.

## NO FREE TOLLS IN CANAL ZONE WANTED

Balboa, Canal Zone, Dec. 20.—The Americans in the Panama Canal Zone are unalterably opposed to free tolls for American ships.

When President-elect Harding recently paid a visit to the Canal Zone he was greeted with open-hearted welcome, but was frankly told by all those whose opinion he sought that the people of the Zone do not endorse his views with regard to free tolls for American ships passing through the Canal. This opposition to free tolls is also shared by the people of the Republic of Panama.

The opposition to free tolls for American ships is a personal matter with every resident of the Canal Zone, the great majority of whom are employees on the Canal. The people of the Zone argue that free tolls for American ships must reduce the revenues of the Canal, and that the cost of maintenance cannot be reduced, therefore free tolls will mean larger appropriations by Congress. These people feel that larger appropriations will mean that Congress will seek economy in the administration and operation of the Canal and they fear that the first act of economy will be a reduction of working forces throwing many people out of employment, and there are few of the employees here who are anxious to leave the Zone, which has become home to them.

Another reason for opposition to free tolls for American ships is the fear that it would impede the progress of business in Panama. The Canal has been responsible for a great boom in business in Panama, many Americans entering the fields of commerce to meet with success. Almost every ship passing through the Canal leaves some money in one or another port. There is a very prevalent feeling that if foreign ships are charged tolls for Canal passage while American ships are not charged that there will be many of the foreign ships avoid passage through the Canal seeking some other course, and

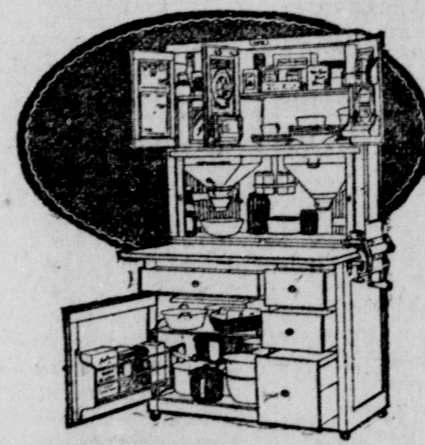
SAYS IT FIRST AND SAYS IT LAST Carrie G. Harrel, 319 Nicholson St., Norfolk, Va., writes: "I'll tell anybody that Foley's Honey and Tar is a right. It did me all the good. I said it first and I'll say it last." Thousands of bottles of this reliable remedy were bought last week by careful mothers so as to be prepared to check coughs, colds and croup at the beginning. It acts almost instantly, cuts phlegm, soothes raw, irritated membranes, stops tickling in throat. Sayre & Hemphill.

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"WHAT'S SQUARER"

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thus causing the business of Panama to suffer.

The residents of the Zone have no vote. Most of them have friends and relatives back in the states, however, who are voters and they are already asking these voters to represent their desire and to express their opposition to free tolls for American ships through the Panama Canal.

## EAGLES ARRANGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Following the usual custom, Xenia Aerie of Eagles, is playing Santa Claus to many needy families this year.

Fifty baskets were prepared at the lodge rooms Thursday, containing good things to make up a Christmas dinner and Friday lodge members in automobiles delivered the baskets to those in need of this help.

In each basket given out were two loaves of bread, celery, a chicken, but-

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You can find quick and lasting relief from coughs, colds, hoarseness, throat irritations and bronchial trouble by using Glando Pine, a highly concentrated cough compound which you mix with enough syrup to make a pint. If you bought this amount of the ready-made cough syrup, it would cost you about \$2.50. Only pure, fresh drugs are used in Glando Pine and it can be relied upon. The first dose opens the air cells and makes you breathe deep and easy. It tastes well and can be given to very young children. There is nothing better for croup.

When prepared according to directions Glando Pine will not separate as some of the cheap, inferior medicines do. It keeps indefinitely. Get a three-ounce bottle of Glando Pine, prepare it and have it ready when the cold or cough appears. You may save yourself and family much sickness. It is sold by druggists or will be sent direct by the Glando-Aid Co., Fort Wayne, Ind. adv

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"My horse was in such run down condition, I thought he would die. After feeding him Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders, he is as well as ever and is now as good looking a horse as there is in this section."—J. C. Huste, Rockbridge Baths, Va.

Dr. LeGear's Stock Powders build up the body, vitality and muscular energy of your horses and mules, insure more meat with less feed, from your hogs, sheep and cattle, and help your cows produce more and richer milk.

Mr. Huste's small expenditure saved him the price of a horse. Dr. LeGear can also help you. For 28 years as a veterinary Surgeon and Expert Poultry Breeder he has devoted himself to the compounding of remedies for ailments of stock and poultry. Whenever you have an ailment among your stock or poultry get the proper Dr. LeGear Remedy from your dealer. It must satisfy you, or your money will be refunded.

ter, potatoes, canned corn, peas and tomatoes, cranberries, candy, oranges and sugar.

Besides the donations of eatables, the lodge procured a number of toys that were taken to the County Children's Home, including games, wagons, basket-balls and footballs.

## FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

The body of Mrs. Mary Simison was removed Friday to the home of her son, Frank Simison, on the lower Bellbrook pike. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock St. Brigid's Church, and burial will be made at Bellbrook. Friends will meet at the house at eight o'clock and the cortege will proceed to the church at 9 o'clock.

STUDY SARDINE'S LIFE BEFORE IT REACHES CAN

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 23.—An exhaus-

tive study of the life and habits of the sardine will be the subject of research work at the University of Oregon here by one of the leading zoological students, Harlan Holmes. The study will be made by Holmes under commission from the California State Fish and Game Commission.

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The best list of Farms in Greene county. I have them from 15 acres up to 575 acres. All kinds of locations I can please you—soil, improvements and price. 16 choice lots in North Galloway St., five lots of this plat sold to young married folks; will make the nicest place to live in Xenia. They are priced to sell. Houses in all parts of the city. I am headquarters for real estate—have sold over \$5,000,000 worth in 20 years. If I don't know value who in Greene county does. Let me buy your farm or house for you. I can make you money. List your property with me.

JOHN W. PRUGH, *The Real Estate Man*

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## Items of Local Interest

Mrs. Katherine McDill and son Warnock McDill went to College Corner Thursday to spend Christmas and the weekend.

Watch for Uncle Tom's Cabin parade. 12-24

Miss Norma Losey left Friday for Columbus to spend Christmas as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Linn. 12-24

Take the children to see Uncle Tom's Cabin, Christmas afternoon. 12-24

Miss Jean Elwell and Miss Maud Elbright will spend Christmas with Miss Elwell's sister Mrs. H. C. Stowe of Dayton. 12-24

Get it at Donges. 12-24

J. H. Arney and Miss Jane Arney of Lancaster and Mrs. Maud Bell and family of Columbus will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lelah Higley of High street. 12-24

Uncle Tom's Cabin, Xenia Opera House, Christmas afternoon, and night. Afternoon prices 25c and 50c. 12-24

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heckley of Cleveland will spend the Christmas holidays with Miss Emma Havestick of North King street. 12-24

Open evenings until Xmas. Greene Co. Hardware Co. 12-24

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Kestle and family of Findlay, Ohio, are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thob Charters. 12-24

Special Prices at Galloway & Cherry's. 12-24

Mrs. C. L. Winters of Ft. Wayne, Ind., arrived in Xenia Thursday to spend the holidays season at the home of her father, Albert Burrell of the Wilberforce and Clifton pike. 12-24

Open evenings until Xmas. Tiffany Jewelry Store. adv-12-24

Mr. James Lunn, the butcher, now located on Cincinnati avenue, will continue to do business as heretofore, his shop being moved slightly to make room for the new building for the Fletcher grocery. 12-24

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William Randall and family, Miss Mabel and Hugh Randall of the Fairfield pike, and Mrs. Ada Ragar, Kenneth and Mildred, of Xenia, expect to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Randall of Dayton. 12-24

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Langan of Dayton avenue have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smart of Cincinnati. 12-24

Zenneta Council 120 Degree of Picochontas will have a covered dish social Monday evening, Dec. 27. All members are requested to bring a covered dish and sandwiches. A good attendance is desired. adv-12-24

Miss Elsie Webber who has spent several months in Oakland, California, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodruff, returned to this city Thursday. Miss Webber will resume her position as head of the ready to wear department of Jobe Brother's store. 12-24

Skating at the rink, Xmas afternoon from 1 to 5 p. m. only. 12-24

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fry left Friday for a two weeks visit with relatives in Marion and Legioner, Indiana. 12-24

Kennedy Grocery Stores and cream station will close Saturday 11 a. m. 12-24

Carlton Smith, professor of chemistry at the University of Minnesota, and his brother, Forest Smith, student of the University of Delaware, will spend the holidays with their father, Wayne Smith of New Burlington. 12-24

Try the Haines Meat Market No. 11 High St. Home killed. Open Saturday 7 to 10 a. m. and 3 to 10 p. m. 12-24

Miss Cleo McKay of the University of Delaware, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKay of near New Burlington. 12-24

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Miss Marion Lane, teacher of domestic science at Central High School left Thursday for her home in Marblehead, Ohio to spend the Christmas holidays. 12-24

Try the Haines meat market. 12-24

Miss Dorothy Armstrong, who is a member of the faculty of the high school at Summit, N. J., arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays at her home in this city. 12-24

Mrs. R. C. West left Tuesday for Detroit where she will spend several weeks with her nephew Robert Richardson and wife. 12-24

## OLD DOBBIN POINTS OUT LESSON FOR SOME HUMANS

When City Auditor T. H. Zell, was manager of the local office of the United States Express Company here, he possessed a faithful old horse, that for years centered back and forth on hard paved streets between the depot, the office, the livery stable and his numerous delivery calls.

When the express office here was joined with the Adams Company, Mr. Zell felt that the faithful old Dobbin had earned a long rest. Accordingly he put him out on the farm of his brother, James Zell, near Yellow Springs.

But Dobbin, it must be remembered, was a city horse and city broke. Green grass in fragrant pasture land, landscape, trees and birds were as foreign to him as to an army mule. Accustomed to obey the orders of his master only, when old Dobbin was put he stayed put. In other words, the faithful old equine, had to be led into the pasture and on the exact spot where he stopped there he stayed. He would not answer the calls at night, to come in, nor would he heed the shepherd dog sent after the rest of the horses. When night came, Dobbin had to be led from the field to his stall in the barn.

Because of the routine habits inbred through years of service in the city, the old horse had to be killed. Having earned a rest he was unable to enjoy it.

## REVENUE OFFICERS TO AID IN FILLING OUT INCOME TAX BLANKS; FORMS AVAILABLE SOON

Extensive plans for aiding taxpayers in filling their income tax returns for the year 1920 are being made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist in making out the forms. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced through the press, or may be obtained on inquiry at offices of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices. The services of government experts heretofore offered to city residents will be continued.

Forms for filing the 1920 returns of income will be sent by collectors to persons who last year filed a return. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve a person from his obligation to file a return within the time prescribed. Copies may be obtained from offices of collectors of internal revenue, branch offices, post offices and banks, and are expected to be available on or before January 1.

Revenue officers assigned to the work of assisting taxpayers also will be supplied with forms, concerning which, and the various items of income to be included, they will be prepared to answer any and all questions. It has been demonstrated, however, that many questions may be eliminated if the taxpayer, before seeking the assistance of a revenue officer, will carefully study the instructions on the form.

The period for filing returns is from January 1, to March 15, 1921. The tax year as last, may be paid in full at the time or filing the return or in four installments, the first of which is due on or before March 15, the second on or before June 15 and the third on or before September 15, and the fourth on or before December 15. The first installment must accompany the filing of the return.

Persons whose individual net income for 1920 was \$5,000 and less should ask for Form 1040-A. Those whose individual net income was in excess of \$5,000 should ask for Form 1040.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is urging taxpayers not to delay in the filing of their returns. Merchants and business men are asked to enter their accounts for the calendar year 1920. With the facts and figures necessary to make correct return fresh in their minds, the making out of a form soon after January 1 will be an easier task the bureau points out, than if delay is made.

The requirements of the revenue act relating to returns for the year 1920 are the same as those for the year 1919. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more must file a return. The exemptions are \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons and heads of families. Plus an additional exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon such taxpayer for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support. A single person may claim an exemption of \$2,000 as the head of the family if he is the sole support of one or more relatives living in the same house with him, and if he exercises control over household affairs. Deductions from gross income which the taxpayer is entitled to in arriving at net income are fully explained in the instructions on the forms.

The Bureau is emphasizing this year that the requirement to file a return rests solely upon a person's marital status and the amount of his or her net income for the year 1920. Single persons whose net income was \$1,000 or more and married persons whose net income was \$2,000 or more must file a return regardless of whether their incomes are non-taxable by reason of their exemptions.

The normal tax rate for 1920 is 4 percent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemption and 8 percent on the remaining net income. The surtax rate, which is computed without the benefit of the exemption, ranges from 1 percent on the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 percent on the amount of net income in excess of \$100,000.

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## AMERICAN FLAG ON EVERY CHRISTMAS TREE.



Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—President elect Warren G. Harding endorses the trees. Asked for an endorsement of this city, to have the American flag placed at the top of all Christmas trees. Asked for an endorsement of the movement, the President-elect replied:

"I am in receipt of your telegram of recent date concerning the movement to place the American flag at the top of all Christmas trees, and the immediate and hearty response met with from our people. 'You asked me for an endorsement of the national custom. I am sure that anything I might say that would have a tendency to assert Americanism and promote reverence and respect for our flag will be most pleasing to me. The idea you have originated appeals strongly to me, as it combines with a very beautiful custom a lesson in patriotism.'"

Cedar are not uncommon. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, the Berkshires hills in Massachusetts, and the Adirondacks and Catskills in New York are the sources of supply for New York, Philadelphia, and Boston, and even for Baltimore and Washington. The swamps of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and the cities of the plains states.

Christmas trees vary in size from 5 to 35 feet in height, and trees with perfect whorls of branches are most sought for. Prices vary from 25 or 50 cents up to \$35 or \$50. There is very little profit in the business for those who furnish the material. These are mostly farmers and owners of woodlots who look upon the trees as a gift of nature, and in selling them consider only the labor of cutting and hauling and not the labor and expense required to grow the trees.

An Age-Old Custom. Very commonly the question is raised as to whether the cutting and use of these trees for Christmas purposes is not a great waste, and whether steps should not be taken to discourage or prohibit it. In the opinion of department officials the custom is so old, so well grounded, and so venerated, that even if it were economically somewhat indefensible, these aspects will and should continue to outweigh economic considerations. It is denied, however, that pure economic considerations would lead to the abandonment of the Christmas tree custom. Trees are for use, they argue, and there is no other use to which they could be put that would contribute so much to the joy of mankind as their use by children on this one great holiday of the year. Further, particularly in the Northeastern States, a large proportion of the Christmas trees are cut from pasture lands on which they are encroaching or from land which would be cleared up in the ordinary course of farm improvement. The trees would be cut in any event.

A market for them gives the owners some return for their labor if nothing more. It is true that in the vicinity of large cities, the Christmas tree supply is sometimes secured in such a way as to be destructive of youth. This, of course, should be discouraged. Improves the Forest. The use of Christmas trees is perfectly compatible, however, with the welfare of the forest is fully proved by the practice in the European forests. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest but as a means for improving the forest and a source of revenue, and is therefore constantly encouraged. It is not by denying ourselves the wholesome pleasure of having a bit of nature in our homes, forest officials say, that we shall preserve our forests, but by learning how to use them wisely and properly. The following rules are laid down by the Forest Service for the woodland owner who wishes to improve a rather dense stand of evergreens and market the good trees for Christmas purposes.

1.—Find a market for Christmas trees of the species which are growing on your land. 2.—Go through the woodland carefully, pick out and mark the most vigorous specimens of trees. These should be allowed to remain to form the mature stand of timber. 3.—Mark for removal the trees which are crowding these better specimens. 4.—Cut as many of these inferior trees as there is a suitable market for. Cut them carefully to avoid damage to the remaining trees. 5.—Remove them carefully from the area and market them in accordance with instructions from the buyer to avoid any cause for dispute.

The United States uses annually between four and five million Christmas trees, according to the estimate of the Forest Service. United States Department of Agriculture. This equals approximately the combined consumption of England, Scotland, and Wales and is about 25 percent greater than that of Germany. The Christmas tree bears practically the same fruit the country over, but the variety of the tree par-excellence, especially in the Northwest and Lake States, on account of its long horizontal spreading, springy branches, and deep-green, fragrant foliage which persists longer than that of any other evergreen.

On the Great Lakes "the Christmas-tree ship" bringing greenery from the upper peninsula of Michigan to Chicago or Detroit is usually one of the latest events in navigation each winter. In the Northeastern and Lake States Balsam fir furnishes the bulk of the Christmas-tree trade. In the South the Fraser fir is the favorite. In Colorado and other Rocky Mountain States, fir, though abundant, is difficult of access and the Lodge Pole pine and occasionally the Douglas fir and Engelmann spruce are used. On the Pacific Coast the Christmas-tree is often the white fir. Spruce with fir in popularity as Christmas trees, but as a rule in the South and West they occur at high altitudes which make them difficult to get.

New York and the New England States consume 1,500,000 trees. Black and red spruce are very commonly seen in New England Christmas celebrations and in New York and Philadelphia. Throughout Illinois and Ohio Nurserymen partly supply the local demand with nursery-grown Norway spruce. Pines are in great demand for Christmas trees when fir and spruce are not available. Through Maryland, Virginia and in Washington D. C. the scrub pine finds a way into many homes, while in southern Wyoming the Lodge Pole pine is almost the only species available.

Hemlock is often used but only in the absence of other varieties. Its slender, springy branches are better adapted to the manufacture of so-called fairy greens. Occasionally a few arbutus are shipped among the firs and spruces to New York and Philadelphia. Red cedar is not despised where better trees can not be had as in the treeless States and often in Tennessee and Pennsylvania. In California red cedar and incense

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## PREDICT LARGEST INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR-ELECT

Columbus, Dec. 24.—That the inauguration of Governor-elect Harry L. Davis into office here on Monday, January 10, will be marked by the largest inauguration crowd in the history of Ohio is the prediction made by E. A. Reed, general chairman of the committee who are arranging the inaugural program.

General Chairman Reed has announced appointment of the following 13 chairmen of subcommittees: Former Mayor George J. Karb, finance; E. P. Tice, president Columbus Chamber of Commerce, general reception; Former Congressman E. L. Taylor, master of ceremonies at inauguration; Congressman-elect John C. Sparks, parade; Mayor John Thomas, after-noon reception for public in rotunda of state house; Attorney General John G. Price, evening reception for state officials and invited guests in the senate chamber; Attorney Karl E. Burr, inauguration ball at Memorial hall; Frank L. Packard, decorations and stands at state house; D. H. Morris, music; Charles C. James, automobiles; M. S. Connors, railroad transportation; James T. Daniels, printing and badges; John A. Kelly, publicity.

The various chairmen have selected subcommittees to aid in arranging details of the program.

## CHURCH NOTICES

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH. West Second St. G. A. Scott, Pastor. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. A. E. Faulkner, Supt. Public worship 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, Christ's Most Attractive Name. The choir will furnish Christmas music. Evening subject, Every One in His Place. Epworth League meeting 7:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Watch night service Friday, Dec. 31st, 9 p. m. to 12 o'clock midnight. On New Year's Day the pastor and his wife will receive the members of the church and congregation and other friends from 3 to 5 p. m. at the parsonage, 138 West Market street.

FIRST U. P. CHURCH. First United Presbyterian, D. D. Dodds, Pastor. Sabbath School will open promptly at 9:30 and we would be pleased to see every member of the school in their place in the Sabbath School Room at that hour. Mr. Herman Eavey is the Superintendent and will welcome you to a part in the Opening exercises. As this is Review Day, a special program has been prepared that will interest you.

At 10:30 the pastor will preach on the subject, "The Unspoken Gift of God." The Young Peoples Christian Union will meet at 6 o'clock and will be led by Mr. Raymond Cherry and at 7 o'clock the theme of the gospel sermon will be "Equipment for the 1921 Pilgrimage." A cordial welcome awaits you at this church.

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## THE RIDICULOUS STORY THAT THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS.

From the New York Sun.

We take pleasure in answering at length and thus prominently, the communication below:

Dear Editor:—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says: "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?  
VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

115 West Ninety-first Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus. You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no proof that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## IF THE BELIEF IN SANTA CLAUS GIVES A CHILD PLEASURE, WHY ROB IT OF THAT HAPPINESS?

One little girl wrote to the New York "Sun," to learn for certain whether there is a Santa Claus, and the Sun thought the matter of so much importance that it took half a column to assure the eight year old Miss that there is. But in reading the Sun's article, we think it has missed the best argument that can be made on the subject, which is that thousands of children HAVE SEEN HIM.

Now, in court trials, the preponderance of testimony always has the greatest weight, so that this is knock down evidence that there is a Santa Claus—for "seeing is believing."

Not only in one town, but in many, children have seen Santa Claus. And the universal testimony as to his appearance is the same—always a "jolly old fellow," whose very countenance indicates good humor and child love; often with his pipe in his mouth, but not always; but always with a great pack on his back from which are peeping out dolls of all sizes, wooly dogs, sleds, wagons, skates and even miniature railroad trains.

How can any one say there is no Santa Claus, when he has BEEN SEEN by so many children in so many different places, always just the same, and with the evidence incontrovertible of having left all kinds of things for them—oranges, candy, nuts and playthings.

As well might their parents say there never was any Mr. Pickwick, any David Copperfield, any Little Lord Fauntleroy, any Tom Sawyer. Pshaw, he that will believe only what he can fully understand, will have a very short creed.

Fiction disengages us from ourselves. It is not falsehood, it is only fanciful grouping of real traits around imaginary characters, and often portrays life more soberly than history itself.

Whoever gives to a child mental enjoyment contributes more to its happiness than by any other pleasure. See the eye sparkle at the very thought of Santa Claus, and of his coming, and of his gifts. Whatever enjoyments we snatch beyond the stable ones allowed by sober life, are that much gained over the dull routine.

God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race. He sends them to enlarge our hearts; and to make us unselfish and full of kindly feelings and affection. Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.

If the belief in Santa Claus gives a child pleasure, and does nobody any harm, why rob the child of that pleasure? It will have plenty of time, later on, to learn of the sad things of life.

## "THE PEACE TANGLE."

As time passes since the signing of the peace treaties, two things become increasingly apparent: One is that the treaties in important respects have proved unworkable; the other, that it was planned to use the League of Nations as the instrument through which the United States should be used to maintain by force these unworkable provisions.

Americans pretty generally have become convinced that the intricacies of European foreign relations are beyond them, and that this country cannot be expected to guarantee settlements that are the results of conflicting national ambitions. They are increasingly thankful, as they demonstrated in the election, that they are not now bound by the League of Nations to put their force behind the boundaries established by the treaties.

It is possible this nation may be of service in initiating a movement to revise the treaties as Europe sees they must be revised. The United States always has been ready to do its part. But it wants nothing like an alliance, and it recognizes that the rehabilitation of Europe must come from Europe itself—not from America.

## SANTA CLAUS IS VERY KIND AND GENEROUS—BUT LET'S HOPE HE HASEN'T FORTOTTEN ANYTHING.



## Little House of Christmas

By Martha Haskell Clark.

Little House of Christmas, in your white lane set,  
Half-way twixt the highways of Remember and Forget,  
Once a year your windows wake with welcome taper-glow,  
Once a year your gate swings wide to feet of long ago.

Little House of Christmas, at your fragrant feast,  
All are bidden to the board, the greatest and the least;  
Silk and velvet-mantled Hopes, rub elbows side by side,  
With little, tattered, beggared Dreams that crept in wistful eyed.

Little House of Christmas, all drifted deep with snow,  
Holly-decked, and sweet with fir, and hung with mistletoe,  
All the roads of all the world, cheerless were, and drear,  
Were your blazing Yule-logs quenched that beckon once a year.

Hands stretch welcome at your sill the years have thrust apart,  
Memories clasp tender arms about each lonely heart,  
Long-lost faces gather close, voices loved of old  
Ring across the holly-boughs beneath the taper-gold.  
Little House of Christmas, in your white lane set,  
Half-way twixt the highways of Remember and Forget,  
May each storm-blown wanderer, weary and alone,  
Hear some voice call cheer to him across your lintel-stone.  
—From the December (Christmas) Scribner.



## A GOOD MANICURE

London, November 19, 1920

When I was in London before I found a great many suggestions for manicuring which seemed to me an improvement over the way we normally do this at home. I wonder whether I have sufficiently emphasized the necessity for making at least daily use of the orangewood stick.

In one of the little schools where manicuring is taught there are a number of girls studying to become ladies maids. Positions of this sort are most desirable here as they are well paid and the girls live in large and beautifully furnished houses, and have many privileges in the way of travel and extra gifts that do not fall to the lot of the ordinary maid. In one particular school which I visited, the greatest importance was attached to the proper use of the orangewood stick which, according to the instructress, should have a sharp end for cleansing under the nail and a blunt tip for pushing back the cuticle.

The nails, of course, require some sort of daily care, particularly in the case of the woman of fashion, who must always look exquisite. But even in the case of these women, the only attention which the nails get every day is that the cuticle is pushed back around each nail with the orangewood stick, the end of which is dipped either in lemon juice or some mild bleach like it, or an astringent cuticle cream.

The under part of the nail, of course is kept beautifully white and clean, but never with the aid of any artificial paste. As the most a little lemon juice is used as a bleach. With the daily use of the orange wood stick and with the daily brisk buffing

to keep the nails polished and to stimulate the circulation they need a more thorough manicure only once a week.

There is a fad here for very pink nails. These can be achieved by purchasing the regular nail rouge which comes for tinting or by using lip rouge or face rouge on them. It is a pretty fad if not carried to extremes, and it is perfectly harmless so long as a pink powder rubbed into the nails is no worse than a white one.

Agatha—If your legs are too fat it is quite possible that you yourself are too stout. In that case of course you need a general reduction.

Betty Brown Eyes.—Gas on the stomach comes from various causes. I think that if you will take two or three Yeast cakes every day or a tablespoonful of Agar Agar once a day and eat plenty of fruit and vegetables the gas will disappear. Gas always comes from fermentation in the stomach or bowels but there are many causes for this. If this simple treatment does not help you, see your physician.

## CRIPPLED FOR LIFE.

Springfield, Dec. 24.—In a wheeled chair, Miss Thelma Keller, who it is alleged was shot four times by Mrs. Frank B. Snowden, wife of Captain Snowden, has been moved from the city hospital to the home of Mrs. Harris. Arrangements were made by Miss Nell Keller, a sister employed at a local hotel. It is probable that Miss Keller will be crippled for life. One of the bullets lodged near her spine. She is practically paralyzed from the hips down. Police Prosecutor Black is expected to urge an early trial of Mrs. Snowden on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. She is out on \$2,500 bail.



## CHRISTMAS.

By Walt Mason.

The Christmas bells again ring out a message sweet and clear; and harmony is round about, and happiness is near; so let us all sing, once again, as on an elder day; "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!" Forget the office and the mart, the week-day hook and crook, and loosen up your withered heart, as well as pocketbook; forget the ledger and the pen, and watch the children play; God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay! The Christmas time with peace is fraught, from strife and sorrow free; and every wish and every thought should kind and gentle be; in worlds beyond our mortal ken this is a holy day; God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay! Today, from Eden's plains afar, the shepherds converse hold, and watch again the risen star, as in the days of old; and as those shepherds watched it then, so may we watch today; God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!

## CADETS ARE WINNERS.

The Beaver Cadets defeated the Xenia Nationals at Alpha Thursday night by a score of 48-17.

In a second game played, the Cadets defeated the Dayton Maroons, by the score of 52-22. The Xenia Nationals have booked a game with the Bank Smokers of Dayton to be played at the Rink here on New Years afternoon.

—with that New Edison is a before-the-war value for an after-the-war dollar. Its price is up less than 15% since 1914. Part of this is war tax.

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**The NEW EDISON** "The Phonograph with a Soul"

## INDIANS HAPPY; NO CLOTHES NOR LAWS WITH THEM

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—The biggest and most perfect type of the communistic system in the world—where men work in perfect harmony and never touch the property of others where inhabitants of a whole village live in one large house, each family with its own compartment equipped with a household bar having varied drinks, where there is no Volstead law, where beverages on festival days put the drinker to sleep for forty-eight hours, where men are muscular and brave, where women are modest, and where the obscene is unknown—was described by Dr. A. Hamilton Rice, athlete, physician and explorer, in a lecture at the Harvard School of Tropical Medicine. This successful example of communistic living was given by Dr. Rice among the Indians who inhabit the region between the Rio Negro and the Andes in Colombia, South America, on his recent visit to that land.

On working days nobody wears clothes, but Dr. Rice observed extreme modesty wherever he went. In the large communal house the boys and girls are kept separate.

## CIVIL WAR VIVIDLY RECALLED BY PLAY

When some one writes a greater story or more adaptable stage offering than the immortal "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe then and then only, will the popularity of the famous Civil War piece cease to be.

Perhaps it is because that the story gently introduced by humor and pathos, comedy and tragedy, drama and farce, that causes it to have such a gripping appeal to both young and old. Nevertheless, the selection of the famous old story to be the Christmas feature at the Opera House, both matinee and night, was a decided ton strike on the part of the Standard Amusement Company, according to those who appreciate seeing again and again this remarkable stage story. The offering to play here is George Peck's production of Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin, and will be presented by an excellent cast.

## RESCUE WORKERS GIVE OUT BASKETS

Adjutant A. Main, of the American Rescue Workers, is announcing that due to the donations received in the pot on the corner of Main and Detroit streets, many Xenia Christmas families will be aided in their Christmas dinner.

Baskets were distributed at the Rescue Mission, 625 West Main street Friday, more than 50 baskets being given out, part of them going to needy families out in the county.

Christmas night there will be a Santa Claus party for the 45 children belonging to the Sunday School of the Mission. Candy will be divided among them, and many articles of clothing will be given to the needy.

**LABORER KILLED**  
East Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Charles Davis, 18, laborer of Kensington, was instantly killed when he fell into a pug mill at the Clay Products Company Plant at Summitville. He lost his balance while oiling the machine.

## FRANCE AWARDS AMERICAN WOMAN HIGHEST TRIBUTE



Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, and her medals.

Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson of Philadelphia has been decorated with the cross of the legion of honor by President Millerand of France. This is the highest award that France bestows. It was given in appreciation of her collaboration in war work for the relief of distress in France. In the photo above Mrs. Stevenson is wearing the chevelier of the legion of honor between academic palms of the officer of public construction, at the left, and the medal of gratitude of the French republic.

## Among The Churches

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

East Market and Whiteman Sts. Bible School 9:15 a. m. Rev. Albert Read will preach 10:30 a. m. on "The Light that Died." Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome for visitors.

### TRINITY M. E. CHURCH

With the ending of the old year, how better to spend the last Sabbath than in a home-like church, where everything speaks welcome as it does at Trinity. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. Public Worship with sermon by the pastor V. F. Brown, 10:30 a. m. Theme: The Permanency and Power of the Love of God. Good music by the choir. No evening service. Monday evening the Christmas entertainment by the Sunday School. You will be interested in this. At the close of the prayer meeting Wednesday evening the Annual meeting of the Sunday School Board for the election of officers for the coming year. To all service you are most cordially invited. Strangers we will be delighted to meet you.

The Christmas entertainment of Trinity church will be held in the church Monday evening Dec. 27.

The collection of Trinity Sunday School, Sunday morning will be for the benefit of the Chinese sufferers. Let every member come and be prepared to give liberally to this worthy cause. Each class will report their collection separate. J. A. Beatty, Sup't.

### MAPLE CORNER REFORMED

Sunday School 1 p. m. H. S. Noggle, Supt. Preaching service 2 p. m. Rev. Middleton of Reformed Church in Xenia.

### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas morning service at 9 o'clock. Celebration of the Holy Communion. Rev. W. E. Hoot of Dayton will be in charge. Sunday morning services as usual. Church school at 9:15 o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 o'clock. The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school will be held on Wednesday evening Dec. 29 at the home of Chas. Zell on West Market street.

### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

E. W. Middleton, Pastor. Bible School 9:15 a. m. Church Service 10:30 a. m. Christmas songs and music. Subject of sermon "A Christmas Message." Christian endeavor 6:30 p. m. Gospel service 7:00 p. m. Song service preceding "Preparing for a revival." The congregation are planning for evangelistic services during the weeks of January, 1921, from Sabbath the 9th to the 21st inclusive, six prayer groups have been organized to pray for these meetings.

The pastor who was Camp Evangelist at Camp Dix will preach at these services.

### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

West Main Street, B. B. Uhl pastor. Res. 320 W. Main. Services for the Festival of Christmas. Children's exercises Friday evening at 7:30. A service of devotion and song at 8:30 Christmas morning. Mrs. Regyes will sing a solo at this service. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. Dec. 26. The pastor will give an illustrated talk on "The meaning of the Christmas Tree" to the Sunday school. Divine worship and sermon 10:30 a. m. Luther League 6:15 p. m. On Sunday evening at 7 a choir of 20 voices led by Mr. R. O. Copey will render the cantata "The Christmas Adoration." The public is cordially invited to these services.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOC.

127 East Second Street, Sunday service 10:45 a. m. Subject "Christian Science." Wednesday eve testimonial meeting 7:30. The reading room is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday except legal holidays from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. To each of these service and to the reading room the public is cordially invited.

### FRIENDS CHURCH

Corner High and Chestnut. The

Sunday School and morning service will be combined into one session commencing at 9:30 and closing about 11 o'clock. The services throughout the day will be adapted to the Christmas occasion with appropriate music. Young children and babies will be dedicated to the Lord at the close of the morning service. Christian Endeavor 6:00 Evangelistic service 7:00. Everybody cordially invited. Let us do our best to make the day one that will honor Him who has made it possible for us to enjoy the occasion and who has given us such great gifts, especially the gift of his own son.

### SECOND U. P.

West Market at West Street. Chas. P. Prouditt, pastor. Bible School at 9:30 a. m. Topic "The Acceptable Worship of Praise" sixth sermon in series. Young people's meeting at 6 p. m. Evening sermon at 7 p. m. by Dr. Joseph Kyle. The annual Christmas entertainment of the congregation will be held Tuesday evening.

### WEST END CHURCH

Corner of Bellbrook and Orange. Sabbath School at 2:30 p. m. Young People's meeting at 3:30 p. m. Evening sermon by Dr. Joseph Kyle at the Second U. P. Church. Autos at the west end door at 6:45 p. m.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the West End Church will be held in the church building Monday evening. The program is a fine one consisting of stereopticon and moving pictures by Mr. R. Hayes Hamilton "The Travelogue Man." Admission will be free but on account of the large crowd expected reserved seat tickets have been provided and will be distributed at Sabbath school at 2:30 Sabbath. No seats will be reserved after 7:20 Monday evening.

## COURT NEWS

### Marriage Licenses.

Harry Francis Soddors, 24, Jamestown, laborer, and Myrtle Rebecca Hardy, 19, 729 West Main St. Rev. C. P. Prouditt.

Ralph Edward Stewart, 22, 330 Hoyt street, Buffalo, N. Y., evangelist and Margaret Alice Eavey, 22, 105 West Third street, Dr. H. Wyse Jones.

Adam Crowley, 31, 818 East Market street, and Helen Irene Smith, 19, 818 East Market street. Rev. W. C. Allen.

Dwight Floyd Potter, 23, 322 Sprague street, Dayton and Jannett Morton Waddie, 23, Jamestown, Rev. Freeman.

William Harry Wakely, 25, Spring Valley, farmer, and Bessie Elizabeth Brunk, 10, O. S. & S. O. Home, waitress. Rev. Albert Read.

### Kelly Co., Wins Suit.

Judge C. H. Kyle held there was no contract and therefore decided in favor of the R. A. Kelly Company in the suit filed by the Nehall Company of San Francisco against the local company for the collection of money alleged due on a contract. By mutual agreement the case as taken from the jury and given to the court to decide. Judge Kyle's decision favoring the defendant.

### HOW HE ENDED KIDNEY TROUBLE

"I had a severe attack of kidney trouble and for three weeks could not get out of doors and scarcely out of bed," writes C. E. Brewer, Village Springs, Ala. "Could not bend over at all without the most excruciating pains. I purchased a bottle of Foley Kidney Pills. Was relieved after first few doses and continued their use until completely cured. I consider Foley Kidney Pills the best kidney remedy in the world. No recurrence of my trouble." Sayre & Hemphill.

## DETECTIVES ADOPT IDEA FROM CROOKS; WEAR MASKS WHILE QUIZZING PRISONERS



Los Angeles detective, masked, taking notes on prisoners.

To prevent the "underworld" from becoming familiar with their faces, plain clothesmen and detectives of Los Angeles, Cal., have adopted the idea of wearing masks while questioning prisoners or looking over suspicious characters held by the department. California cities are fighting a wave of crime, said to be due partly to the migration of well-known crooks to the sunny climate for the winter.

## BIJOU TO-NIGHT

Elaine Hammerstein

—IN—

## "The Point of View"

All her life she had looked ahead to this moment, and then when the time came she tried to dodge the issue. A picture that will live long in your mind.

Burton Holmes Travel Pictures

and Paramount Magazine

## SATURDAY

Matinee and Night

Continuous Shows Xmas 2:00 to 10:30.

MAY ALLISON

—IN—

## "Are All Men Alike"

Story of night life in New York and a girl who nearly paid. This picture carries a punch and teaches a lesson to every member of the family.

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Christie Comedy and Jazz Monologue

Continuous Show Xmas 2:00 to 10:30

Monday Matinee and Night

MABEL NORMAND

—IN—

"PINTO"

She Stamped the "400" With a 45.

Zowie, what a Wild and Wooley Lady! Her first name was "Pinto"—her middle name was Pep. And when she hit the trail for New York and high society—say, can you imagine what she did to those silk stockinged Sals and high-hatted Harolds?

Also Two Reel Comedy.

**THIEVES GET SATCHEL  
CONTAINING \$85,000**  
Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—A thief snatcher a satchel containing \$75,000 in checks and \$6,500 cash from two bank messengers on a street crowded with thousands of Christmas shoppers and escaped.

**Protect the Children**  
Healthy Blood and a Healthy System is a Child's best protection against Grip and Influenza. Give them GROVE'S IRON TONIC SYRUP. 75c

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TRY  
BRAZILIAN BALM**

**EUCALYPTUS**  
Mystery Scent without question. If HUNT'S Salve fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 75 cent box at our risk. Guaranteed by Sayre & Hemphill.



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C. A. Weaver

East Main Street

Opp. Court House

XENIA, O.



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30 W. Main St.

# STATE FIRE MARSHAL WARNS OF DANGERS OF CONFLAGRATION DURING CHRISTMAS

By WM. J. LEONARD.  
(State Fire Marshal of Ohio.)  
Last year the joyousness of Christmas was marred by nine fires and a property loss of nearly \$12,000—not much as money is reckoned now, but \$12,000 too much.

A fire started last Christmas afternoon by children playing with matches instead of the toys jolly Santa had left, ate up \$10,000 in property.  
In another case an oil lamp left in the room of a sick girl, exploded, while the rest of the household was celebrating the grandest holiday in the calendar.

One fire was caused by the contact of a Christmas candle with the resinous branches of a gaily decorated tree and in still another home, the winds of Christmas eve blew the unstable blaze of a candle into the decoration of holly and put up to celebrate the day and brighten the home.

While in only one case last year was the monetary loss severe, it is a fact that in all nine cases the day was atterly spoiled for quite a number of people.

This year the twenty-fifth of December will be celebrated probably as much or more as the first one after the war, with the added hazard, (a child of the war spirit), of extensive decorations, many of an inflammable nature.

From the trade last Halloween in crepe paper, paper mache, masks and in candles, lanterns, etc., it would seem that the same scheme of decoration might be followed again and while there were numerous small fires due to the candle-paper combination, no life was lost so far as known.

But—the danger is still present in the use of flimsy and inflammable material.

**Use Special Care.**  
Of course there will be Christmas trees, for the day is hardly complete without them, but the point I want to make is that while this department in no way, shape or form wishes to throw one drop of cold water upon the festivities of the day, still we wish to ask that special care be exercised this year in choosing the decorations and in their installation.

We want Santa Claus and not the undertaker to be the guest of the day. We want the reindeer and the sleigh to jingle up to the door; not the red warrens of the fire department.  
If the doctor has to be called, let it be for the lass or the laddie who has eaten too much, and not for the child suffering from burns!

There are plenty of non-inflammable decorations on the market, including the pretty Christmas tree, and it is folly to court death, when his visit can so easily be blocked by purchasing those ornaments and decorations known to be safe.

No cotton batting, crepe or tissue paper, or other material, highly inflammable, should be used at all. Those who impersonate Santa Claus should insist that their clothing and its trimmings and beards and false faces be of non-inflammable material.

**Use Fireproof Trees.**  
If possible, a fireproof tree should be chosen. If the tree with natural foliage is the only thing available, be careful about the lights. Beautiful electrical effects can be purchased, but if the pocketbook is not elastic enough and candles are to be used, never leave the tree lighted and go out of the room. Never let children light the candles or play under it while the illumination is on. Use no cotton batting or other flammable decorations. Be sure that the candle flame does not come in contact with the pine or spruce needles or twigs. They should be so spaced as not to heat or touch the decorations of the tree.

One of the cheapest and safest trees for the fireproof one sold for the dining table. This can be beautifully and cheaply trimmed and a concealed flash lamp will burn long enough to make the tree a joy early Christmas morning and Christmas night. The other lights should of course be dimmed. Presents can be arranged by the plates of the household. If too bulky, the packages can be stacked in one corner of the room and given out at the breakfast table.

**Watch Gas Gets.**  
Wreaths and boughs of ever-green, holly or mistletoe should not be hung on walls where gas or flame can possibly reach them, nor where the heat of steam pipes and stoves, grates, etc., can play upon them for any length of time.

Candles on mantles or on dressing tables etc., should be so arranged that

they can neither fire draperies or decorations.  
As soon after Christmas as possible all natural wreaths, trees, boughs should be removed from the house and carted away. The natural foliage rapidly dries up and is most highly inflammable.

Watch the kiddies carefully at Christmas season. The blaze of new lights and the excitement incident to the period may lead them to try "experiments," that will lead to misery and woe.

The custom of keeping candles in windows is a pretty one, and all right so long as the tapers are under constant supervision, but the trouble is that whole families go to church, to school and church entertainments, etc., leaving the candles lighted. Such absence of foresight has led to numerous fires as the cheap, modern paraffin candle is treacherous, and in league with vagrant drafts that steal through cracks and crannies and bend the willing flame into curtains and decorations.

**Call for Extra Heat.**  
Christmas weather as a rule calls for extra fires as the house is filled with home-comers. Here enters another hazard, that of the unwatched fire. Grates in rooms long unused are pressed into service and piled high with fuel. Chimneys long neglected have become cracked and clogged with debris. No one unless he be ill stays in his room on Christmas, but mingles with the gay house crowd. In the meantime the unwatched grate or stove gets in its nefarious work. Bear in mind that household routine breaks down under the intensive barrage of Christmas excitement.

Clean the chimney for Santa Claus! Watch your lights and fires. Keep a constant eye on the kiddies, but let them enjoy every moment of the day—they won't if the house takes fire.

If electrical effects are used, have them installed by an expert.

See that the wiring is safe and not used for a clothes line or a support for decorations.

**Some Toys Dangerous.**  
Beware of pyroxylin toys, toilet articles, candlesticks and the like. All pyro cellulose compounds have a penchant for trouble. Even combing the hair with a celluloid comb will often produce a static spark that mean death or disfigurement. Especially is there danger in dolls heads and children's toys. One such burning has resulted in Ohio when a baby, placed close to the kitchen stove in his high chair, pounded an open gas flame near the tea kettle with a celluloid rattle! One woman dropped a celluloid knitting needle down the register. The doctor and the fire department arriving at the same time.

The same safety rules that apply to the home, apply to large trees in lodges, churches, schools, etc.

Have all the illumination you wish on Christmas, if it is safe and watched constantly.

Merchants do not wish a fire at any time, let alone just before the big, last holiday rush.

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Last year over \$30,000,000 was burned up in this way, and in Ohio already this fall, much timber has been burned by carelessness.

Let all have a merry Christmas and engage in the joy of preparation and if we are careful—very careful! This year, we should not have even nine fires the coming Yuletide.

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Approximately 95 per cent of the members of the Chamber of Commerce who finished the first year are wholly or partially paid up for the second year, according to the announcement of the finance committee of the organization.

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ments of its membership to this extent, and the fact that the majority are still hearty supporters of the Chamber of Commerce, shows that they not only appreciate the work the organization has done, but it also bespeaks the good management it has had.

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## POST OFFICE CLERKS MUST DECIPHER CURIOUS ADDRESSES

"WOOD  
JOHN  
MASS."

If you were a Post Office clerk and you should see this inscription on the back of an envelope where would you send the letter?

The three words read like a Chinese puzzle, yet the post office clerks who are supposed to figure out the hieroglyphics that present problems to the regular clerks, ferreted out the destination of the letter and it was delivered.

These clerks are called "Nixie" Clerks, and at the local post office, they are the men who straighten out your mistakes, correct your poor writing and spelling, and see that your mail goes to the person to whom you intended or attempted to direct it.

The above address is an old example of the sagacity of the "Nixie" clerk. The address stumped them for a time but after puzzling over the odd construction for some time, they read the inscription like this "John under Wood and over Mass," and sent the letter to John Underwood, Andover, Mass., where it was properly delivered. Another address that is held up as an example of the acumen of the "Nixie" clerk is that written 4.11.11.11. It took some time for the hieroglyphic experts in the post office to determine that the letter was meant for a man at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where it was properly delivered.

These were evidently test cases of the postal department, that the "Nixie" clerks were able to decipher. Yet many another letter, has never reached its destination, because these men, schooled as they are in interpreting all kinds of writing failed to be able to read the inscription on the envelope. Because these men fail, 15,000,000 pieces of mail reach the dead letter office each year.

Some time ago a package of spoons arrived in the local office, to be delivered to a certain town, the name of the state not being included on the address. The postal authorities took a chance on a town in Tennessee. When the package was not delivered to the proper person, Postmaster Rice wrote letters to 20 other towns of the same name in the country, and after much delay and trouble the spoons were sent to their proper destination in a town in Illinois.

A little carelessness in getting all of the address on the mail, in writing and spelling, or if it is a type-written address, perhaps the type bars need cleaning. An "e" may be made to look like an "c" or vice versa. In a case such as the latter, take pains with the address and mail will not only be delivered more promptly but the postal authorities will be saved many a "swear provoking" puzzle.

### CLIFTON

Mrs. Guy of Chicago, who came to be present at the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Edwards, has returned to her home.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School will hold its Christmas entertainment at the church, Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. S. Lewis, who was called to Pittsburgh last Tuesday by the death of her sister, Miss Ellen McLean, has returned home.

The Christmas entertainment for the schools will be given Friday afternoon, Dec. 30 at 1:30 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Leonard will preach as a candidate at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Dec. 26th.

The death of Mrs. Caroline Boase Rhodes occurred Monday Dec. 20th at 2:15 o'clock p. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sparrow on North street.

Mrs. Rhodes was an old resident of the village and had been an invalid confined to her bed or chair for several years. She was the mother of two children William Rhodes, deceased and Mrs. Frank Sparrow. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. G. McKibben Wednesday afternoon.

## BRINGING UP FATHER



### THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I'll get one Christmas gift  
That I know I'll  
like — you see  
It's a present that  
I bought  
For my dog  
to give  
to me.



### NEW BURLINGTON

Levi Shambaugh is at home from Miami University, Oxford for the holidays.

A little daughter, Marjorie Compton was born to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Bogan at their home west of Spring Valley, Monday December 20th.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kirk of near Chester sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McKay on Sunday December 19.

Mrs. Jesse Hill and little daughter Majorie Jane leave Wednesday for Cleveland where they will spend Christmas with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinney and family spent Sunday at home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKinney near Bellbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Gilland and baby of Dayton are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher.

Meetings at the M. E. Church will continue each evening this week except Saturday in charge of the pastor R. V. B. E. Wright.

A fluë burning out at home of Mrs. Mary Mills created quite an excitement Saturday evening. There was no damage.

Master Donald Reeves is confined to his home with a cold.

Miss Agnes Shambaugh who teaches at Bellfontaine O.H. is at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shambaugh east of town for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Darner of Dayton spent Sunday with his uncle James Peterson and family.

William Spray has returned to his home in Lawrence, Kas., after a visit of several weeks with Clinton and Greene Co. relatives.

Mrs. William Mills and others from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Mill's brother Dayton Moffitt at Spring Valley Tuesday.

B. H. Miller and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyd east of town.

Miss Mabel Borton of Wilmington is the guest of Fred Hadley and family.

### Is It Yours

This is the Birthday of  
KING JOHN  
December 24, 1167  
John, King of England, was the  
youngest son of Henry II and was

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

**MENU HINT.**  
**Breakfast.**  
Stewed Apples Rolled Oats  
Griddle Cakes with Maple Syrup  
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**Luncheon.**  
Beef Croquets  
Cauliflower Salad  
Whole Wheat Bread  
Canned Peaches Feather Cake  
Tea

**Dinner.**  
Tomato Soup CROUTONS  
Boiled White Potatoes  
Spinach a la Bechamel  
Sweet Pickled Peas  
Norwegian Prune Pudding  
Coffee

#### RECIPES FOR A DAY.

**Beef Croquets**—Any left-over meat may be used. Use quarter of a pound of lean boiling beef. Meat which has been used for soup still has food value and may be made into a number of attractive dishes. Cook one-quarter cup fine stale bread crumbs and one-third cup milk to a paste, add one egg well beaten and meat forced through a meat chopper.

Let mixture cool, add salt, few drops of onion juice, or parsley chopped fine, dip in crumbs, egg and fry in deep fat. Drain on brown paper and serve with sprigs of parsley.

**Cauliflower Salad**—This is made out of vegetables left over from the day before. Divide the flower part of a cooked cauliflower into its separate stalks, making an individual flower for each portion. Stand on lettuce leaf with slices of beet cut in halves and placed about center in a daisy-like formation. Serve with mayonnaise.

**Spinach a la Bechamel**—Prepare one-half peck boiled spinach. Put three tablespoons butter in frying pan; when melted add chopped

spinach, cook three minutes. Sprinkle with two tablespoons flour, stir thoroughly and add gradually three-quarters cup milk; cook five minutes.

Cook outside lettuce leaves, if they are not bruised, with the spinach, as they are a little too tough to be used for salad and otherwise would be thrown away. Save the water that the spinach has been boiled in and the next day heat it and season and bind with butter and flour cooked together. This makes a delicious soup, and nourishing as well.

**Meat—Mince Meat**—(Nice for holiday use)—One peck apples, one pound raisins, one pound currants, one pound suet, one-quarter pound citron, one-quarter pound preserved orange and lemon peel, two oranges, two lemons, teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves, canned fruit juice of any kind. The substitution of fruit juices for boiled cider adds greatly to the flavor and in this recipe the meat is not missed.

**Norwegian Prune Pudding**—Pick over and wash one-half pound of prunes (about twenty-two prunes), then soak one hour in cold water and boil until soft in same water. Obtain meat from stones and add to prunes and water, then add two-thirds cup of sugar and one inch piece stick cinnamon, one and one-third cups boiling water and let simmer ten minutes.

Dilute one-third cup cornstarch with enough cold water to pour easily, add to prune mixture and cook five minutes. Remove cinnamon, add one tablespoon lemon juice, mold, then chill and serve with cream.

This may be made into a soufflé by adding whites of two eggs, beaten stiff, and one-half cup walnut meats broken in pieces. The cinnamon and lemon flavoring make ordinary prunes taste unusually delicious.

born at Oxford, in 1167. At a very early age he was nicknamed "Lackland," because unlike all his elder brothers he received no share in any of the royal possessions. When he was fairly young, however, he was given the lordship of Ireland and sent over there to govern, but he alienated the otherwise loyal Irish by his insolence, and returned home in disgrace.

On the death of Henry II, Richard the Lionhearted, ascended the throne. He gave his younger brother still greater honors, but designated his nephew Arthur of Brittany, as his successor. This infuriated John, who felt he should be king, if his brother died. His brother, meantime had gone to the Holy Land on a Crusade.

John immediately began intriguing against his brother, and tried to make himself king while Richard was in captivity. His plans fell through when Richard returned. For five years there was peace between the two. Richard on his death-bed appointed John as the next king, though Arthur was the rightful heir. The young Arthur was captured and murdered.

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His second wife promptly married the man she had always loved. Meantime her son by John became Henry III of England. Two of his daughters married royal husbands.

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## The Woman He Married

BY JANE PHELPS

### NAN DISREGARDS DICK'S ADVICE

CHAPTER 47.  
"I am so glad for you, Nan," Dick said as he finished reading Mother's letter. "I am glad you deposited it. Now dear, don't touch it. Keep it for a rainy day, or for a nest egg for yourself."

"I shall use some of it so you can have the money you need to buy cotton."

"Very well, but keep account of every penny you use, and whenever I make anything I will pay you back. I do think it better not to ask for credit if we can help it."

"I felt like screaming! I owed everyone in the neighborhood. But I would only give them a little, so they would let me go on buying until Dick made enough to pay them off. I had absolute faith that things would go right for him. Didn't they always come so for me?"

"I paid Clara, and gave the others a few dollars on account. The money they should have had, had gone for clothes—that is, most of it. I had bought several things for the house we might very well have gone without and had paid for several lunches at extravagant places, because Dick would not have dreamed of going."

"I loved to show off—to act as if I had plenty of money—and to carry out this idea, I often took Clara or someone else to fashionable places to eat. This was unpardonable in me under the circumstances, but I saw others doing it and craved both the excitement and the opportunity to let my friends know that I could give lunches and teas at such places. I

had learned to order, not very economically, but nicely. So the women I knew flattered me by praising my knack, so quickly acquired."

"We had met two or three young couples whom Dick liked very much. I liked them, too, but when he urged me to be with them more (as they were in our circumstances, and not so much with the Stowells) I urged the good times I had with Mildred because of her car, and the good it did both me and Junior to have the long rides in the park she often gave us."

"But Nan, I am afraid it makes you envious and unhappy. I have often noticed that after being with Mrs. Stowell you are dissatisfied. Now the girls, Laura Burbank and Florence Dubois, are both your age, and Tom and Fred earn about the same that I do."

"Oh, I shan't give the girls up! I like them too well. But they can't take me out in a wonderful car, and do all the nice things the Stowells can do. Now that you have at last made up your mind to do more in business perhaps we can have a car some day too."

"Don't order it yet, Nan!" Dick replied whimsically.

"I wish I could! I saw a love of a little coupe this morning, one I know I could learn to drive myself."

"How your mind does run on, Nan! But remember not to order it."

"Of course I shan't, Silly! But just talking of it makes me want it more."

"Then let's change the subject—quick!" Dick teased.

"I had everything a girl brought up as I had been, should have desired, and more—a good, kind, loving husband, a lovely boy, a nice little home. Yet I was not content. I might have paid everything as we went along, as Dick supposed I did, had plain and pretty clothes. But with these I was not satisfied. I wanted to dress like the wives of wealthy men. I longed for compliments, flattery. My mirror told me I was beautiful, and I fairly ached to further enhance that beauty by wearing becoming, expensive clothing."

"Dick was trying to indulge his longing when he started to speculate."

"Now instead of going to the motion pictures, we spent a great many evenings in the dining room with the evening paper spread out before us, and figured how much we might have made if we had bought this or that stock. Then one night Dick came home and said he had sold his cotton."

"How much did you make?"

"About \$75."

"Now you see, don't you, Dick, that you should have begun long ago? You haven't had it a month. If the firm added that to your wages you would think they were doing wonders for you."

"Yes, but if they gave it to me I would be sure of it. This way I have to take a chance at losing."

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